



## 9 Days Urumqi, Sayram Lake, Narat, Bayinbulak, Turpan Tour

### Trip highlights:

Xinjiang Regional Museum, Sayram Lake, Ghulja(Yining), Narat Grassland, Bayanbulak Grassland, Bosten Lake (Baghrash lake) and Turpan.



### Route Map:



### Day01: Urumqi

Arrive at Urumqi, met by guide and driver, transfer to hotel for overnight.

### Day02: Urumqi-Kuitun

Morning visit to Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region Museum, wandering around international Grand Bazaar, afternoon drive along the express highway at the southern edge of Zhungar Basin to Kuitun for overnight.

### Day03: Kuitun-Sayram Lake-Ghulja

After breakfast, leave plenty of cotton and corn fields on our behind further drive along the national road 312 to Sayram Lake, enjoy the beautiful lake scenery at the foot of the Tien Shan mountains, afternoon drive down the Apple Gorge

to Ghulja (Yining) for overnight, time to explore Kazanqi old town of Yining.

### Day04: Ghulja-Narat Grassland

Drive in the easterly direction along the Kunes River to Narat Grassland which is the paradise for Kazakh nomads with their cattle during the summer. The meaning of Narat is "The place where sunshine first appears" in Mongolian language. This name was came up during the Genghis Khan's period, after arrival trekking inside of the Narat river gully grassland and optional horse riding at its around.

### Day05: Narat-Bayanbulak Grassland

Drive to Bayinbulak (also Bayanbulak) Grassland in the territory of Bayingholin Mongolian Autonomous prefecture. Bayanbulak means "many springs." in Mongolian language and it is well known for a large population of wild swans and it is good place for photographers to take photos of nine turned and eighteen curved rivers before sun set.

### Day06: Bayanbulak-Baghrash (Lake Bosten)

Drive across the Tianshan Mountain range from north to south to Bosten lake (also Lake Baghrash) in the early afternoon, enroute excursion to Lamaism Temple in Balghuntai (also Baluntai). Bosten Lake is the largest lake in Xinjiang and one of the largest inland freshwater lakes in China.



### **Day07: Bosten Lake-Turpan**

Drive down to China's fire land Turpan in the Turpan depression, this is the hottest, driest and lowest place in China, average temperature can be reached nearly 48 during the July, after arrival visit to Jiaohe (Yarghol) Ancient city listed under UNESCO, overnight in Turpan.

### **Day08: Turpan**

Visit to top sights of Turpan including Astana Graveyard, Gaochang Ruins, Tuyuq Mazaar village and Bezaklik Thousand Buddha Grottoes, drive along the Flaming Mountains back to Turpan.

### **Day09: Turpan-Urumqi**

Visit to Emin Minaret and Karez irrigation system, drive back to Urumqi, transfer to airport for departure flight. End of SRA service.



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#### **2012 small tours:**

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- 10 days Urumqi, Turpan, Korla, Kucha, Aksu, Kashgar Tour
- 10 Days Urumqi, Turpan, Heavenly lake, Kanas lake, Karamay Tour
- 11 Days Beijing, Xian, Dunhuang, Turpan, Urumqi, Kashgar Tour

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